## REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: Marshall Audio Other Known Title: Not Stated Format: CD-ROM (Non-film) Director/Author: Not Applicable Producer/Publisher: Not Stated Country of Origin: Not Stated Language: English Applicant: Comptroller of Customs Distributor: Not Stated Classification: Objectionable except if the publication is used for the assessment or treatment of offenders under the supervision of a registered psychologist or other suitably qualified professional. Descriptive Note: Not Applicable. **Display Conditions:** Not Applicable Date of entry in Register: 15 October 2007 Date of direction to issue a label: Not Applicable **OFLC No:** 702319 **Excisions:** Not Applicable. Reasons for excisions:

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## Summary of reasons for classification:

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The CD-Rom was submitted under section 13(1)(a) by the Comptroller of Customs (Customs) on behalf of the Department of Corrections. The Department would like to use the CD-Rom as part of an assessment programme for criminal offenders, under the supervision of a trained psychologist. The CD-Rom contains short audio recordings with explicit descriptions of a male engaging in sexual offences against children, other sexual violence and coercion, and extreme violence. These descriptions encourage the listener to feel aroused by sharing the fantasy that the narrator on the recording describes. The publication is likely to promote or support the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes, the use of violence or coercion to compel any person to participate in, or submit to, sexual conduct and the infliction of extreme violence, unless it is restricted to the clinical purpose for which it is intended.

By restricting the publication to its legitimate purpose the classification preserves the freedoms contained in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 while preventing injury to the public good.